National Institute of Homoeopathy's Contribution on Research and Teaching

3064. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the contribution of National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta in the matter of teaching and research; and

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken to improve the performance of the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) In the matter of teaching, National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta has been conducting a Post-Diploma course of two years duration viz. Dip - NIH from 1977 onwards. 175 students have completed this course successfully upto the year 1988. In addition, the institute has also started B.H.M.S. Degree Course of 5½ years duration from 1987 onwards. The first batch appeared for the first BIMS examination in 1991. In the matter of research, the National Institute of Homoeopathy, is engaged in Clinical Research and Drug Standardisation.

(b) The following steps are envisaged:—

(i) Appointment of 34 members of academic staff;

(ii) Increase in the bed strength from 50 to 100;

(iii) Introduction of a post-graduate course in Homoeopthy.

Selection of Director for National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta

3065. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Homoeopthy, Calcutta is headed by a person who is not professionally qualified in the field;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to ensure selection of eminent Homoeopaths as Head of the Institute after the retirement of the present incumbent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

AIDS Vaccine

3066. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be plesed to state:

(a) whether Government have made any efforts to invent AIDS vaccine; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Global research efforts are currently underway in several systems of medicines to find an effective cure for AIDS. So far, none of the durgs has been found to be effective to cure AIDS.

(b) The Indian Council of Medical Research is monitoring the global activity and as and when any promising drug is available, the Council will

initiate studies to evaluate their safety and efficiacy.

Standardization of Drugs by CCRUM

3067. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the drugs the Centre Council of Research in Unani Medicine has so far been able to standardise;

(b) what are the details of General OPD Programme Undertaken by the Central Council of Research in Unani Medicine during the last three years and the current year so far;

(c) the details of Mobile Clinical Research Programme carried out by the Central Council of Research in Unani Medicine during the last three years and the current year of providing free medicare to economically weaker sections alongwith the details of places where the same was provided; and

(d) the steps being taken to expand the labrary network of the Central Council of Research in Unani Medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine has so far finalised standards for 300 compound and 100 single drugs. The names of these drugs are given in Annexure-I. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 60].

(b) The details of General OPD of CCRUM are as under:

Year	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92 (Feb., 1992)
o. of Centres.	13	13	13	13
Total number of cases attended at different centres.	180711	182525	162307	118540

(c) Mobile Clinical Researh Programme of the Counil is mainly taken up for research on the efficiency of Unani Medicines in the treatment of different ailments. Presently 14 mobile units attached to different institutes/Units of the Council are functioning in different parts of the country. Areas/villages covered under Mobile programme have been listed in Annexure-II. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 61]. During the period 988—92 following number of vil es/urban slums have been cover

Year	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Number of Mobile Units	14	14	14	14
No. of villages/ Uurb slums covered . .	35	24	24	22
Total population covered	347471	270000	270000	223000
Scheduled caste population covered . . .	82187	108000	108000	96800
Scheduled tribes population covered . . .	7330	4500	4500	3600
Total number of patients attended . . .	679 0	68035	5000	4[illegible]